

e. **Remarks**

Under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 37 CFR 1.78, Applicants claim priority to co-pending U.S. Application No. 10/442,287, filed May 20, 2003 ('287 application). Page 1 of the specification has been amended to make a claim of priority to the '287 application. With  
5 respect to said priority, R.-J. Essiambre and A. Chowdhury are inventors on the current application and the '287 application. Also, the claim of priority is being made within 16 months of filing date of the '287 application.

The amendment to Figures 9 – 10 deletes partially obscured markings on left and bottom axes of plates 9A – 9C and 10A – 10C, i.e., markings on C<sub>RDPS</sub> and C<sub>PRE</sub> axes.

10 No fee is believed due.

In the event of any non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Lucent Technologies Deposit Account**  
15 **No. 12-2325** to correct the error.

Respectfully,

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